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PART I

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS

GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Report of Administration of the Military Department during the year ending 30th June 1939.

READ—

Report of the Mysore State Troops for the year ending 30th June 1939, received with letters No. C. 3-55—39-40, dated 5th September 1939 and 12th January, 1940, from the Chief Commandant, Mysore State Troops.

No. G. 8465-6—MILY. 57-39-5, DATED BANGALORE, THE 2ND APRIL 1940.

Recorded:

2. Lt.-Col. H-de. N. Lucas continued to be in command of the State Troops till 3rd November 1938, when he was succeeded by Col. M. D. Vigors, D.S.O., M.C.

3. There was no change in the composition of the State Troops. It consisted of two Cavalry Units—the Mysore Lancers and the Mysore Horse—three Battalions of Infantry and a Mechanical Transport Corps. The two Cavalry Units and the First Battalion of Infantry which are 'A' Class Units and the third Battalion which is a 'B' Class Unit, are armed with modern rifles while the Training Battalion is partially so armed. The question of completing the equipment of the Training Battalion with modern rifles is receiving attention.

4. The strength of the First Battalion, Mysore Infantry, was increased by one Lieutenant and thirty-two sepoys. One hundred and sixteen horses were added to the Mysore Lancers which had four hundred and forty-two horses on its strength at the beginning of the year.

5. Individual and collective training of the units were carried out satisfactorily according to programme. Several officers and men of the Cavalry and Infantry Units attended, as usual, the various courses of instructions both in and outside the State and some of them qualified themselves with distinction.

6. The officers and men of the Mysore Lancers took part in Rifle Meetings, Military Sports and Polo Tournaments in and outside the State and won several cups and prizes. Entries were made for some of the events in the Bangalore Hunt Horse Show and prizes were won.

7. With a view to remove illiteracy in the Army, educational training was carried out on a large scale in accordance with the Training Manuals of the Indian Army. The scheme of rural reconstruction in the Army is making steady progress. Vocational training in agriculture, bee-keeping, carpet-weaving and book-binding was given to some men of the Mysore Lancers and the First Battalion, Mysore Infantry.

8. The discipline of the Army was good. The general health of the troops and the sanitation of the lines were well maintained.

9. The Mysore Mechanical Transport Corps was reorganised. Rules for enlistment to, and promotion in, the commissioned ranks and the scales of pension of the other ranks of the units were revised. The rules relating to grant of leave and recruitment of officers and men were amended. The concessions granted to the Mysore State Troops Cadets undergoing training at the Indian Military Academy, Dehra Dun, were liberalised.

10. The construction of a building for use as a Mess by the State Officers of the Army at Bangalore was completed. The proposals for improving the existing quarters for the units at Bangalore and for constructing new quarters for the units at Mysore are receiving attention.

11. There were four stallions, one teaser, 37 mares and 93 foals in the Remount Breeding Depot at the Hessarghatta Grass Farm, at the close of the year. The percentage of abortion among the mares is heavy and causes for the same are under investigation.

12. The total expenditure under the the head 'Army' was Rs. 15,66,788 during the year against Rs. 14,71,380 in the previous year. Of this, a sum of Rs. 85,829 was spent on military works against Rs. 65,267 in the previous year.

13. The Military Adviser-in-Chief, Indian States Forces, inspected, as usual, the Units of the State Troops in November 1938.

14. The administration of the department continued to be satisfactory.

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